

Amendment to the Specification

Please make of record the following Abstract:

A side-chain-modified copolymer wax consisting of long- chain olefins, acrylic acid esters, acrylic acid and/or acrylic acid amides, produced from wax-like copolymers of long chain  $\alpha$ -olefins comprising between 18 and 60 C atoms, acrylic acid methyl esters, acrylic acid and/or acrylic acid amides, the carboxyl functionality thereof having been modified by chemical reaction with nucleophilic constituents. The invention also relates to a method for producing such copolymer waxes and to the use of the same.